

Summertime sun sheds light on 'cool' fashions



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Michigan Week begins

Over 300 runners ran through the downtown area of the city of Romulus during the 10K run of the Michigan Week Festival early Saturday morning. So as Mayor Beverly McAnally fired the pistol and the runners began so did many other events celebrating the 150th birthday of the state of Michigan, the festival theme this year. For more photos from festival events, see page 3. ANP photo by Guy Warren/staff photographer

Investigation of fire offers few answers

City officials respond

Barrels of toxic waste will be removed this week from the site of raging fires which have plagued the area for nearly two weeks.

The fires, which reignited spontaneously last Tuesday, forced the evacuation of schools and homes in the area. More than 1,500 school children and residents left the area to avoid any possible contamination from chemical fumes at the old Mendrick Dump, located south of Ecorse Road and west of the railroad tracks.

Officials from the State Department of Natural Resources and Wayne County Health Department have said testing of the site is incomplete at this time.

The Wayne County Health Department tested air quality during and after the fire. "The tests indicate no measurable levels of contaminants based on common landfill and fire related compounds that would be considered unsafe for the health of residents in the school or surrounding area," a department spokesperson said.

In addition, the city water supply obtained through the Detroit water system was not contaminated. Evaluation and sampling of the site will continue until, "We can remain confident that there are no measurable levels of air contaminants related to the dump," a spokesman said.

The dump, which has been there 50-60 years, according to Mayor Beverly McAnally has always been "a series of small landfills."

According to results of the Michigan Sites of Environmental Contamination Priority List, compiled by the DNR this past February, the Mendrick landfill contains five toxic chemicals: phenol, cyanide, zinc, iron and xylene cadmium. The site ranks among 2,685 throughout Wayne County.

"My goal is to push the site up on the DNR clean-up priority list," added McAnally who observed the firefighting activity, usually from the command post established near the scene.

Owners of the company who lease the site, Auto Pallet, have been ticketed and ordered to remove the pallets, McAnally said.

Hakim Shakir, DNR supervisor of environmental response said, "We plan to do more testing of surface water and intend to remove the drums buried at the site as soon as possible. Three people will be testing air quality. He added the site scored 762 out of 1,000, with the higher score having a better chance of clean-up funding.

Romulus Environmental Task Force Chairman Charles Wiswell, noted the dump specifically ranks within the top 25 percent in the state. Wiswell feels there's been a good coordination of effort on the part of the state, county and city agencies involved.

"The city has started a major investigation. We intend to clean it up and get it done, once and for all," he added.

Schools address danger

State and county officials offered little relief to concerned residents and parents during an emergency meeting at Romulus Junior High School on Monday evening.

The Romulus Board of Education called the meeting to clarify rumors regarding any unknown dangers of the toxic dump immediately behind two community schools. One parent summed up the discussion between parents, school officials, the Department of Natural Resources and the Wayne County Health Department, "We don't know anything more now than we when we came in here an hour and a half ago." Ironically, a bomb threat cut the meeting short.

Superintendent William Bedell spoke before a group of about 100 local people. One resident in attendance noted that maybe some 70 families represented approximately 1,200 school children. "The turnout was a small percentage," they noted.

But those that attended were vocal. And if the fire outside was extinguished, the tempers of parents flared during the heated discussion which followed at 7 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

Two area residents, Linda Zundel and Darla Applebee, circulated a petition and collected 563 signatures. "We want the school closed until it's safe," said Zundel.

Representatives from the State Department of Natural Resources and the Wayne County Department of Health also attended and responded to questions from the audience. Mayor Beverly McAnally took a seat among the crowd.

"Romulus Junior High and Wick Elementary schools were not built on the site of a dump. This was all farmland when the schools were built 12 years ago. The only present danger that exists is toxic contamination from airborne particles. Let's deal with the rumors first," said Bedell.

Attendance was only off slightly as a result of the evacuation of the students on Friday and Tuesday of the fires. "Absences were up from the usual 6 percent to about 10 percent," he noted. Yesterday, a junior high spokesperson noted "buses were full."

"If parents feel strongly that the situation is a danger to the health of their children, they can keep their children home for the rest of the year. I will send a first class letter to all parents to this effect," he said.

Some air sampling has been done, and so far the results have been clean, he stressed. Other school buildings would be unable to accommodate these students should the two buildings be forced to close.

Shirley Spease, mother of a 6-year-old first grader at Wick was furious. "My daughter came home screaming. It was very scary. The school never notified me and my daughter was alone until I came home from work five hours later. This school needs a better system."

Construction boom continues

By BOB DENYS
ANP Staff Writer

Construction in Romulus is up almost 400 percent this year compared with the same first quarter of 1986. And last year was a banner year, according to Romulus Building Department Director Dave Paul.

What does Paul say about this year? "Not bad."

And if he said construction in Romulus skyrocketed last year, no doubt this year, Paul will admit, "it's out of sight."

The final count for the total amount of building permit fees collected last year by the city of Romulus was \$35,000. This year that figure jumped to \$162,000 for the same period. Building permit prices include fees for electrical and plumbing installations and heating and cooling equipment, along with any other construction or remodeling.

"No wonder we're going crazy around here. And from all observation, I expect that rate to continue. We conducted a number of meetings with potential developers just last week," said Paul.

He said many interested builders are "working out the fine details. The city appears to be growing and growing," he said. Airport expansion can be credited with \$70,000 of that 1987 amount. In fact, a single employee has been assigned the task of inspecting airport projects to insure the proper permits have been pulled. "We've chased a lot of money into the city coffers that way," he said.

Romulus boasts a total of 1,816 existing hotel rooms. That number is expected to increase by 540 rooms after the Quality Inn, Courtyard by Marriott, Travelodge and Comfort Inn open later this year.

Projects approved and in the process of obtaining building permits are the Radisson Hotel, Pickett Inn, Signature Inn and Fairfield Inn. Together these projects will add 773 additional rooms, creating a grand total of 3,129 available hotel rooms in Romulus.

Not bad is right. "Everybody pulls together. That's what makes it beautiful," Paul said.

On the June agenda for the Romulus Planning Commission are proposals for another hotel, a restaurant, a car rental agency and a trailer court. A public hearing for the trailer court will be conducted June 1.

Paul explained many existing Romulus businesses and industries are expanding. Little Caesars Restaurant on Wayne Road will be building a larger facility on the same site.

"I'm glad everything is going this way, instead of the other way around," he said.

A mother's plea

Suspect still sought in son's death

By BOB DENYS
ANP Staff Writer

Thomas McEwan, 18, died March 30 after suffering five gunshot wounds to his forehead. To date, that is all the information the Romulus police have regarding his death. His mother wants more.

A customer found the body of McEwan at the Clark Gas Station on the corner of Middlebelt and Goddard roads where he started working only nine days prior to his death.

"He was shot five times between the eyes. I don't why they had to shoot him so many times," lamented Margaret McEwan, mother of the victim.

Thomas was a child with whom she shared a special closeness, McEwan said. Her husband, Bill, has worked at Ford for 23 years, presently as a supervisor in the glass plant. They have a 19-year-old son and a 14 year-old daughter. The family has lived in Romulus for the past 14 years.

Romulus police are equally baffled and have few leads supporting any motive in the brutal killing. There appears to have been no robbery, they said, and apparently not even a struggle. "All we have here is a young man shot to death in a gas station," said Romulus Lt. Ken Kraus.

The victim's mother denies he used drugs, although she noted some of her son's friends were suspected drug users.

She pleaded with Romulus police and local media to help find the killer. "If I have to, I'll offer a reward," she reluctantly stated, hoping someone would soon step forward with information about her son's death. As a result of related television and newspaper appeals, police are now working on two different leads, according to Kraus.

"People are telling me it was set-up. I hear it had something to do with drugs. I always told Tommy, 'If I ever catch you doing something like that, I'll take you down to the police myself,'" she said.

According to his mother, her son has never been in trouble with the police about anything. "He helped around the house without being asked. He was a good person. He had just moved home after staying with the family where the son is suspected of shooting his father. He just wanted to help them. He trusted people and believed everyone. He wouldn't do anything to hurt anybody. He always walked away from trouble. If something was wrong, he would have talked with me about it. He couldn't keep it in and he never showed signs of being afraid," she said.

McEwan said her son dropped out of Romulus High School after completing 10th grade because, "he couldn't handle the pressure."

"But he loved working on cars and wanted to go to mechanics school," she added.

It was a month before her son's death, when he worked at the Shell Gas Station on the corner of Telegraph and Goddard roads that he was robbed, she said. "After 1 a year police dropped off a subpoena, Tommy testified in Wayne County Circuit Court against a man who received a three-year jail sentence."

Taylor police said they recorded no robbery at that station. As a result, Romulus police are having a difficult time verifying the information, Kraus noted.

McEwan treasures her only family portrait taken just last year. "We don't know what went down. We're afraid for our lives and we're tired of waiting. We want the killer found. Somebody out there must know something. We're going to move. I can't handle this. I see his friends, and I know they must know something," she said.

Romulus police request anyone with information regarding the incident phone 942-8400. All information will be treated as confidential, police said.



Marge McEwan of Romulus holds picture of son Thomas. ANP by Guy Warren/staff photographer

Slide show highlights '50s, '60s in area

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20
 The **ANNUAL BAND CONCERT** and Box Lunch of the Wayne Westland Senior Community Senior Adult Program will be hosted at 1 p.m. on the lawn of the Dyer Center. Bring your own chair. The John Glenn High School band will provide music for listening and dancing.
FREE BLOOD PRESSURE screening is available every third Wednesday of the month from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the main lobby of Annapolis Hospital, 33155 Annapolis St., Wayne. For information call 467-4570.
 The **VAN BUREN-BELLEVILLE DEMOCRATIC CLUB** will host two guest speakers from the Wayne County Health Department at 7:30 p.m. at Neptune's Restaurant, 9820 Haggerty Road, in the shopping center. Robert Ratz, Engineering Supervisor of Environmental Health will present current environmental information on Belleville Lake and the landfill. Suzanne Hall, Deputy Director of Health and Community Services will discuss indigent health care in the county. For information call 697-8880.
THURSDAY, MAY 21
"INSURANCE FOR DIABETICS" will be the topic of a film sponsored by the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation International. Show time is 7:30 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 600 N. Brady, Dearborn. For more information, call 274-1313.
BELLEVILLE DURING THE 1950s and 1960s will be the subject of slides shown

community calendar

by Esther Deering at 6:30 p.m. in Edgemont School in Belleville. The program is sponsored by the Belleville Area Senior Citizen Club.
COLLEGE BOWL '87 is scheduled to begin at 1:15 p.m. in Halecreek Elementary School, 16200 Harrison Road, Romulus. Twelve sixth grade students identified as scholars will compete in the annual event. For information call 942-0140.
FRIDAY, MAY 22
EXPECTANT ADOPTIVE PARENT classes will be offered at 7 p.m. at Botsford Hospital, Farmington Hills. For information and registration, call 459-7383.
SATURDAY, MAY 23
A BLOOD DRIVE will be sponsored from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. by Girl Scout Troop 576 at St. Kevin's Church, 300043 Parkway, Inkster. For information call 721-2903.
BETHANY PLYMOUTH/CANTON conducts meetings on the third Saturday of the month at St. Kenneth's Church on Haggerty Road, south of Five Mile. For information call 981-1274 or 422-8625.

MONDAY, MAY 25
ALL VIETNAM VETERANS are invited to walk in the Dearborn Memorial Day Parade beginning at 9 a.m. The location assembly will be at Michigan Avenue and Greenfield Road in the K-Mart parking lot. For information call 388-1985.
TUESDAY, MAY 26
WEDNESDAY, MAY 27
A DIVORCE SUPPORT GROUP will meet from 7:30-9 p.m. at the Southminster Presbyterian Church, 21845 Wick, Taylor. The group, sponsored by the Western Wayne County YWCA will continue each Wednesday for 10 weeks. For information call 561-4110.
EDITOR'S NOTE: Items for the community calendar should be submitted in writing to: Community Calendar, The Associated Newspapers, P.O. Box 578, Wayne, Mich. 48184. Deadline for Wednesday publication is noon Friday. Dated items will appear the Wednesday before they happen unless otherwise indicated on your request.

The **CANTON VFW POST 6967** meet at 8 p.m. on the first Monday of the month at the Canton Township Police Station, 1120 S. Canton Center Road, between Michigan Avenue and Cherry Hill. For information call 397-1000.
CPR TRAINING CONTINUES at Oakwood-Canton Health Center on the second Monday of each month. The cost is \$3, and pre-registration is required. For information call 459-7030.
A DIABETIC SUPPORT GROUP meets on the third Monday of each month at Oakwood-Canton Health Center, 7300 Canton Center Road, Canton. For information call 459-7030.

TUESDAY
FREE HYPERTENSION SCREENING will be offered from 4-8 p.m. the first Tuesday of every month at the Henry Ford Medical Center, 42680 Ford Road, Canton. For information call 981-3200.

C-SECTION BIRTH CLASSES are sponsored by Oakwood-Canton Health Center on the first Tuesday of each month at St. John Neuman church. Call 593-7694 for information.

A CUED SPEECH SUPPORT GROUP will be conducted at 7:30 p.m. each second Tuesday of the month at St. John Neumann. The class is sponsored by the Oakwood-Canton Health Center. Pre-register at 459-7030.

SUNDAY

The **NATIONAL CAMPERS AND HIKERS** Association, Chapter 224, Coffee N' Campfires meet at 7 p.m. on the first Sunday of the month at 10109 Jackson Lane, Belleville. For more information call 699-5989.

MONDAY



Project graduation

Belleville High School students recently joined the area "Project Graduation" campaign, sponsored by WDIV-TV 4. The students are hoping to educate fellow students in the hazards of drinking and driving during prom and graduation season. Participating in the program are Jimmy Hicks (back row, from left), Mike Taylor, Durance Ballow, Kris Grantham, Tommy Branham (front row) and Bernadette Bostic. ANP special photo

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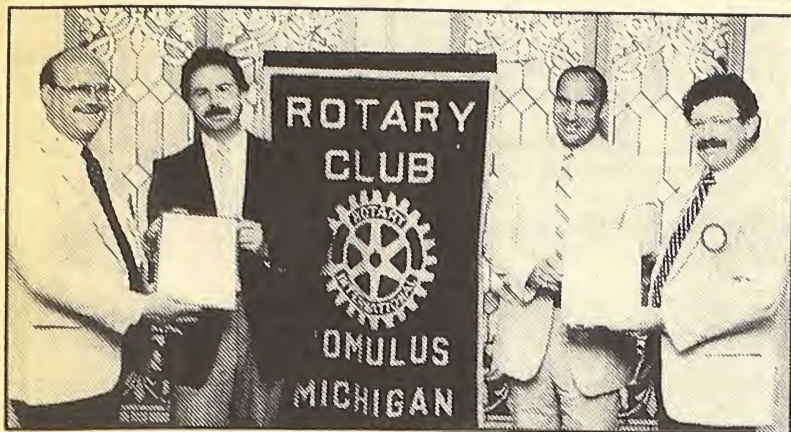
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Rotary honors new members

The Romulus Rotary Club recently added two members into the community service organization. Pictured at left, **Pete Bergeron** presents **Jim Rafalski** with the Objectives of Rotary while **Mike Prybyla** at right, presents **Charles Shonta** with the same. ANP photo by Guy Warren/staff photographer

Romulus High School year end events

The final days of the school year are just around the corner for the students of Romulus High School. Many activities have been planned, according to principal **E.L. Sheffield**. The high school will host their annual awards night at 7 p.m. today in the school auditorium. Students from ninth through 12th grade will be honored.

Prom night leads off the graduation festivities for the senior class of 1987 this Friday at 7 p.m. At that time, they will dress up for an evening of dining and dancing on the riverfront at the Roostertail in Detroit. Earlier in the day, officer **John Hiller** will speak at 8:45 a.m. before a school assembly about project graduation.

The Naval Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps will sponsor their awards night at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 27 in Romulus High School auditorium.

The last day of classes for seniors will be Friday, May 29. Final exams will be conducted on May 28 and 29. For lowerclassmen, the last day of school will be Thursday, June 11. Their exams will be taken on June 9, 10 and 11.

1987 graduation exercises for the seniors will be conducted at 1 p.m. in Crisler Arena in Ann Arbor.

Headstart preschool seeks students

Parents can now register their preschool children in the federally funded Headstart program. To be eligible, children must live within the city limits of Romulus, meet income guidelines and be 3 years old before Dec. 1, 1987. For information call 941-4100 during working hours.

Judge to judge bicentennial essays

Judge **Henry Zaborowski** of 34th District Court in Romulus was selected to serve as a judge in the National Bicentennial Writing Competition for high school students. The competition is sponsored by the Commission on the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution, the American Bar Association and USA TODAY/Gannett Co. Zaborowski will judge essays submitted by students living in the surrounding seven counties.

Students win state honors

Five Romulus High School students placed in the Health Occupations Students of America State Conference conducted in Kalamazoo last month. Four made the semi-finals.

"I'm excited," said **Evelyn Hopewell**, cooperative education coordinator. "These students excelled in medical terminology, anatomy and physiology and general information. They did a fantastic job."

The four semi-finalists were **Brian Banyai**, **Denise Corder**, **Sandy Plonka** and **Pam Brown**. A big trophy was presented to **Tracy Allen** who placed fifth in Michigan for medical terminology. "And they did exceptionally well at the regionals," Hopewell added.



Teachers have their day

Teachers at Romulus High School were treated to a special after school get-together last Thursday. Here, principal **E.L. Sheffield** samples some of the delicious hors d'oeuvres and shares stories of the an eventful 1986-87 school year. ANP photo by Guy Warren/staff photographer

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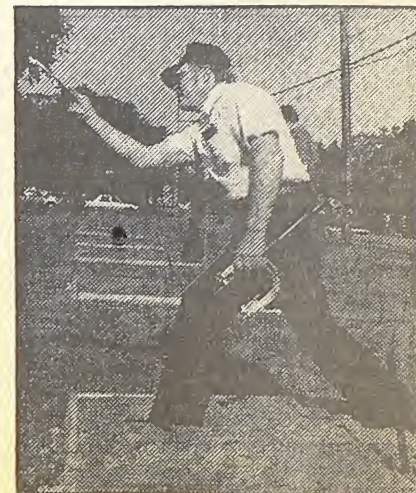
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Festival celebrates sesquicentennial

Michigan Week Festival fun was at fever pitch for city residents during the annual weekend celebration. A parade down Goddard Road kicked off activities. Residents brought lawn chairs or sat on city curbs when they listened to the award-winning Romulus High School marching band under the direction of **Henry James**. Some were too busy eating ice cream.



The first-ever Rotten Sneaker Contest was without a doubt a highlight of the weekend events. The festival also sponsored a Diaper Derby where many local children crawled to participate. And the winner of the horseshoe tournament was none other than veteran player, **Harold Persinger**. No question about it, fun was had by all, except those who returned home with a stomach ache from all that cotton candy. ANP photos by Guy Warren/staff photographer



Willett named businessman of the year



David J. Willett

David J. Willett, president and publisher of the six Associated Newspapers, has been named the Canton Small Business Person of 1987.

Willett received the award last Wednesday during the annual Canton Chamber of Commerce Small Business Person banquet.

"This is an important award to me, and it means more than you know," Willett told the gathering of approximately 100 people.

"I just want to thank you," he said.

The publisher received a standing ovation from members of the audience.

Addressing other small business owners in the crowd, he said, "There's growing recognition that small businesses are a force to be reckoned with. We can accomplish great deeds toward improving our communities."

Willett added the Canton

Small Business Person honors to a long list of other achievements. The incoming president of the Small Business Association of Michigan has also been recognized by Presidents Reagan and Carter for his contributions to both the 1986 and 1980 White House Conferences on Small Business. Additionally, he was chosen last year as the recipient of the first place award by the Michigan Press Association for his column, "Flying Solo" and won an honorable mention from the group this year for his writing ability.

Willett is the incoming president of the Small Business Association of Michigan and is in Washington, D.C. this week preparing legislation proposals to be presented to the president.

Additionally, the papers were chosen by the University of Michigan Press Club as the winners of the prestigious Excellence in Journalism Award

"There's growing recognition that small businesses are a force to be reckoned with."

this year.

Willett has been the owner of Associated Newspapers for 11 years, after purchasing the papers from the Panax Corp. His father and a partner owned the papers for a number of years prior to the sale to the corporate chain. Willett said he decided to bring "it back under the family flag" at a time when it was faced with discouraging financial problems.

Also present to congratulate Willett and present him with resolutions were County Commissioner **Milton Mack** and State Representatives **James Kosteva** and **Gerald Law**.

School spirit is pepped up

School spirit at Romulus High School is better this year thanks to the efforts of the new Romulus Pep Club.

A group of energetic students organized the club back in September under the guidance of health teacher **Anita Jordan**. **Evelyn Hopewell** and **Winifred Wafer** are advisors to the club.

"Two hundred students signed up to join the club. Nineteen students dared to be recruited as new members. These kids are fantastic. They write their own songs and their own cheers. Our main goal is to create a positive and spirited atmosphere at school athletic events," Jordan said.

And that they do. One cheer in particular drives the crowd wild, Jordan stressed. "It's fantastic! The cheer is accompanied by the school jazz band under the direction of **Henry James**. The cheer moves to a rap beat, and they've adopted it as their theme song. It's really neat. Currently, the Pep Club is cheering at basketball home games. As we grow, we'll be supporting other athletic events.

"We felt there was a need for



Members of the Romulus High School Pep Club inspire some school spirit where ever they go, according to teachers **Anita Jordan**, **Evelyn Hopewell** and **Winifred Waffer**. ANP photo by Guy Warren/staff photographer

the club. There's no conflict with the cheerleaders. We work together to boost crowd morale and keep spirit going," she added.

The club became active in December and has since conducted several fundraisers. They earned enough money to

purchase their unique sweat-shirts.

"The group has pride. Pride in themselves and pride in their school. Any student with a 2.0 grade point average or above is welcome to join," she said.

The 19 members are: **Gina Clay**, **Anita Goree**, **Crystal Har-**

ris, **Msichana Higgins**, **Tamika Hudson**, **Paul Johnson**, **Atrolya Jones**, **Erika Luster**, **Michael Newson**, **Latrice Patterson**, **Cheryl Waters**, **La Deanna White**, **Michelle Williams**, **Nachelle Wooden**, **Tracy Wooden**, **Tosha Woodford**, **Tracy Lincoln**, **Wayne Mitchell** and **Lisa Dillon**.

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The vote was right choice

Last week, members of the board of trustees in Canton Township agreed to opt for a vote of the people rather than making the decision themselves regarding a proposed change in the structure of the township government.

To that, we can only add a loud amen. Most of our local municipalities should take a long, hard look at this decision in Canton, and carefully search their own behavior to see if perhaps they may have taken some decisions upon themselves that clearly rest with the voters. True, voters choose council members, mayors, supervisors and board trustees with the clear expectation and trust that these people will represent their best interests and vote as they might themselves on issues before them. Unfortunately, voters make mistakes, and some of those mistakes now hold office.

There can be no criticism of the overall running of any of the municipalities in our area. The communities we serve are overall well-managed and well-handled, but in some cases, that is due to the superiority of a few officeholders which compensates for the less-than-exemplary conduct of others.

The issue in Canton was clear. Should the township be managed on a day-to-day basis by the supervisor, an elected official, or should the township hire, at the taxpayers' expense, a professional manager or supervisor to oversee the implementation of the board decisions? This decision, by township charter in Canton, could have been made by a majority vote of the six men and one woman who are charged with the management of Canton. They chose to ask the people for a vote before making such a monumental alteration in the means by which the township is managed.

The present supervisor, Jim Poole, suggested from the onset of the proposal that he

would support such a measure, if, and only if, it were a ballot issue and approved by the voters. This proposal has been bandied about and discussed for years, and Poole has never changed his stand - and for that he is to be admired. May in his position would feel vulnerable and defensive, openly campaigning against a proposal which would ultimately limit both the authority and salary of the office. Poole has not taken such a position, rather has said he would actually support such a change, if it were approved by a vote of the people.

Trustees Robert Padget, Loren Bennett and Stephen Larson made the original proposition some time ago, securing the vote of John Preniczky to ensure a majority vote. The proposal was made, we believe, with the best interest of the township in mind, and without the politics and personal feelings that some might attach to the action. We believe Padget when he says it was not a personal vendetta nor private motive which prompted the suggestion. We believe in the integrity of Padget and those who supported the proposal - but a vote of the people in an issue of this consequence seems to be the only correct measure the board could have taken. To reject the proposal when it might be the will of the residents is clearly not the action most beneficial to all concerned. Approval of such a change, with the unavoidable expense and trauma of transition without clear evidence of the approval of those who must fund the change would also be wrong.

Others, considering a change in this serious a nature might well take a look at the way members of the Canton board have handled themselves and the controversy this issue prompted.

Obviously, they took this issue seriously, as they take their responsibility to the community. In short, a job well done.

It's not deficit spending!

Why can't I use my MasterCard to pay my VISA bill?

Okay, so I will finally open up in one of these columns and reveal to all of western Wayne County one small problem in my near-perfect lifestyle. You see I have this tiny problem - challenge might be a better word - in making my own accounting system function the proper way. I know that I have written reports on the budgetary fiascoes and hearings of our local municipalities, and I have found myself amused by the very sophisticated explanations these political accounting and financial wizards give when they run into a deficit spending type of situation.

But my own problem isn't one of deficit spending. No, I just seem to have more checks going out each month than I have coming in. I thought I had it down to an art form when I knew exactly how many checks I could write before the checks I had written the week before would hit the bank and force me to start putting a negative sign before my balance. It's not that I objected to the negative sign - it kind of made the checkbook look more impressive. But I think it was when the whole banking system went computerized that really fouled things up for me. The bank wasn't giving me a chance to pay two weeks worth of bills on one paycheck anymore, and then those bank people started sending me form letters about my checking account being overdrawn. But I was not going to be defeated.

I countered the financial institution's computerization with a computer of my own. I bought all the necessary software, hardware, even a phone hookup. Who knows when I might open an account in Japan and need to do all of my transactions over the phone?



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And, okay, so all of these purchases did mean that I would have to apply to have my credit limit raised or maybe apply for a second and third VISA account. At least I would be beating the system.

It didn't work. On my very first batch of checks the stupid computer got down to a negative balance and told me it couldn't write any more checks. Not amused by this computerized back talk, I called the software company and asked if I could get my software repaired. These kind folks explained to me that it would be illogical to try to write checks if I didn't have enough money in the bank to cover them. I told them they that they should stick to the computer business because they didn't know anything about finances and that they should devise some new software.

Despite the lack of assistance from others, I trained that computer to write those checks regardless of the negative sign. It took some tinkering, but it worked. But my financial plan had failed again.

This time the credit card companies weren't cooperating. These people had the nerve to send me a second bill before I got a chance to pay the first. And on top of all that, they said I couldn't charge anymore until I paid both. By now, I was getting irate, but I thought maybe humor might be the answer to my woes. I wrote "my friends" at the credit card heaven and told them to give me a chance to pay the first bill before sending another. Come

to find out, these people have no sense of humor, only a mean streak that runs miles deep.

One week after my attempt at humor, I began to receive in catalogs on "1,001 Ways To Make Your First Million," "Become Rich With The Lottery," "Borrow Your Way to Fortune" and "Start Your Own Saw-Blade Sharpening Business." I am not a saw-blade sharpener, and I don't play the lottery too often. I studied one of the publications sent to me and found out that "thousands" of people in the local area were quitting their jobs to become envelope stuffers. I even received a personal letter from this envelope stuffing company. It's too bad that they thought I lived in New York City and spelled my last name wrong. I might have given it a try.

I am still trying to devise a way to counter this move the banking industry has made by way of computers. I'm getting better at knowing what day of the month to pay a credit card bill and then buy more merchandise and get home before the cashier finds out I am over my limit.

Some people have suggested that I don't spend so much money each month. Others have told me about alternate ways of budgeting money.

But I know there must be an easier way. I have thought of television evangelism, and I haven't disposed of that literature on the envelope stuffing business just yet. So what if I don't live in New York. I'm not too far away.

I still think all of my problems would be ended if people would just let me use my MasterCard to pay my VISA. My Penny's to pay the Hudson's bill. And so on.

I'll keep trying. I won't be defeated.

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Community arts appreciation blasted

To The Editor:

May 1, at Wayne Memorial High Auditorium, I attended the play "Star Spangled Girl" produced by the Spotlight Players, a community theater group that has been functioning in this area for 27 years. I assumed that such a group would have the whole-hearted support of the entire community. I was shocked to find that in this large auditorium the entire audience numbered less than 150 people. The cost of admission was low. My ticket was complimentary; perhaps most were. This show was professionally prepared and produced. The actors were very good. The story and the dialogue were excellent. It saddened me that the many people who worked so very hard to prepare, produce and act in this fine play were rewarded by the almost complete indifference on the part of the residents of this community. I can only assume that these residents are quite ignorant of fine arts and that their taste for culture and talent are in their posterior.

ARTHUR L. SCHULTZ
Westland

Wick festival is sure success

To The Editor:

A sincere thank you to all the parents who donated a door

prize or donated toward the cake walk for the fun festival this year.

The festival committee would like to recognize the following special people for all their dedication in working the games, kitchen or selling tickets. They are Sheri Hicks, Delores Hill, Kelly Towne, Tom and Kathy Williams, Cindy Haurly, Gladys May, Angie Hicks, Kay Richardson, Cheri Powers, Diane Webb, Steve and Sheri Stevens, Yvonne Wood, Cindy Varesi, Sheri Sparkman, Maxine Kelly, Dawn Kelly and Molly McGlynn.

A very special thank you to the Wick Wizard staff. The festival this year was a success because of all the support and cooperation received from everyone at Wick School. The entire Wick School staff assisted the festival committee before, during and after the successful festival and the committee is very proud of their school and the staff members.

The committee members were Debbie Dick, Theresa Blizman, Kathy Hayniak, Sue Williams, Carol Plave, Sally Michalski and facility representative Marilyn Wood.

Local coverage 'is refreshing'

To The Editor:

Just a brief note to say that it was a breath of fresh air to see

something in your newspaper good about the younger generation.

The articles you have been running about Law Day, associated with the mock arrests and trials for the two high schools, Wayne Memorial and John Glenn, were just great.

Do more of this kind of thing. It gets very boring and tiresome seeing the mayor of the city on the front page and everything else in the newspaper week, after week, after week.

I think it was just super for the high school to have an actual situation, arrest and then finally see with those same people in court what the outcome would be. Firsthand information and being a part of it is the best and they really enjoyed it.

By the looks of the paper-stands I had to go to getting several copies for myself, I'm sure your sales were up the past few weeks. But then I guess I'm just prejudiced - it was my son on the front pages and all over the news for a change!

In your first article, though, you failed to mention that the officer in the arrest at John Glenn High School was Harry Misener. I feel he should be given credit too, being that he did his part on his own time.

Just for the city attorneys and the prosecutor and Judge Gail McKnight to take their personal time and go completely through with an actual court case with all these students was the best thing that ever happened in our court system. It was also their day off.

I think we all benefited from this experience, especially my son.

JAN PAYNE
Westland

Plank family expresses thanks

To The Editor:

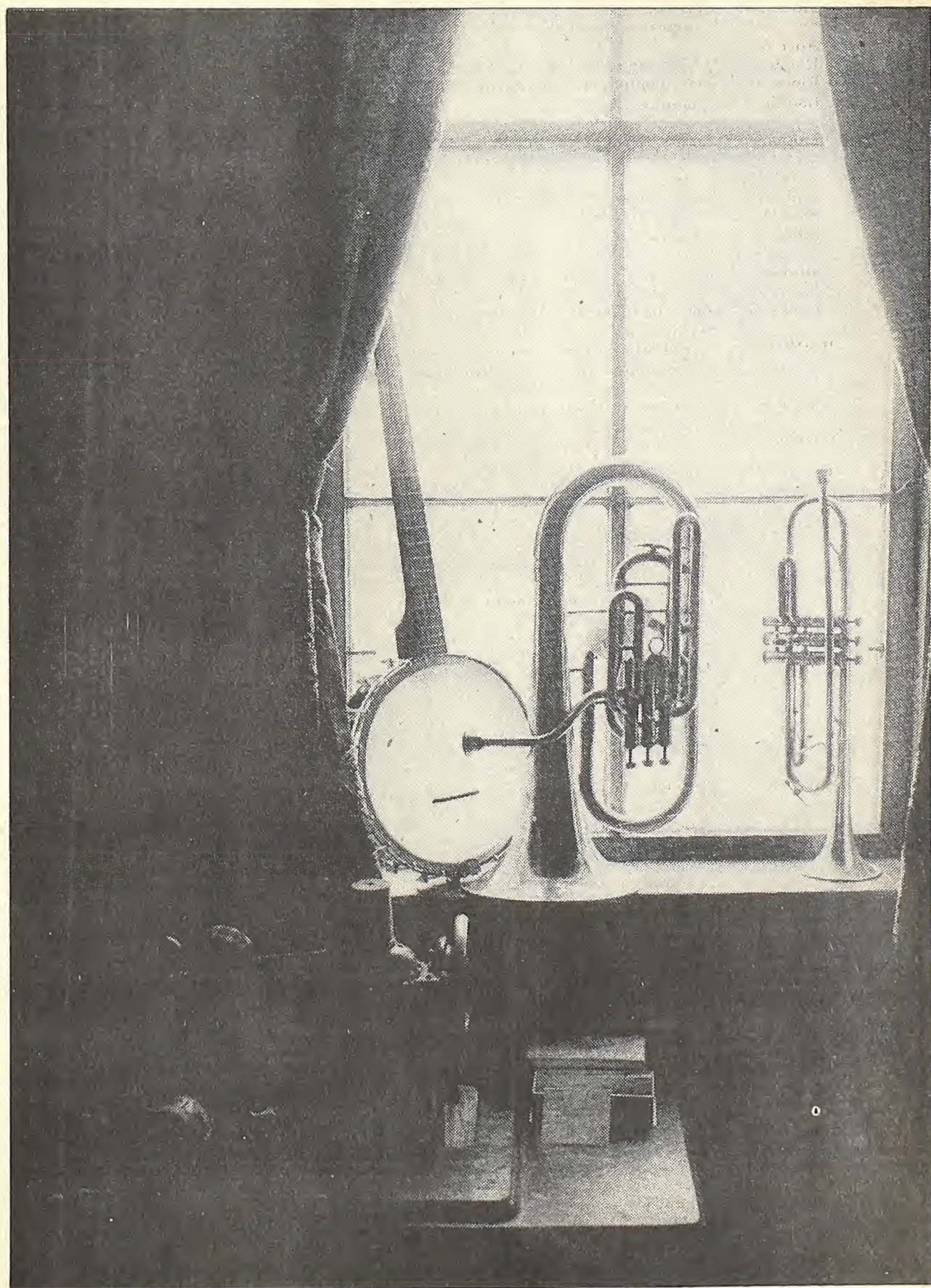
I would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation and thanks to the citizens of the city of Romulus for all the kindness shown to the family of Robert D. Plank.

The many friends, co-workers, employees, business associates and city officials who came to express their sympathies were of great consolation to us.

LAWRENCE PLANK
Romulus

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by guy warren



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SUMMER DIETS

Key to success in careful fitness blueprints

Before you begin . . .

"Summer. Summer, summer, summer. It turns you inside out. It turns you upside down. Like a merry-go-round." Go ahead, sing along.

"Okay, stop the music!"
Aha! Admit it, the summer season and the thought of being turned inside out and words like flab and firmness and FAT give you shudders, don't they? And what about the word *shorts*? More shudders? *No more sweaters*. Are the goosebumps coming? (And now for the finale -) *Bikini*. Call in the straight jacket.

But not to fear, dear friend. Words like exercise, good eating habits, calorie counting and, you guessed it, DIET can become the cure for those summer-time (read fat) blues if only you take your nutritional drafting tools in hand and work up a blueprint that will make your summer diet a sure success.

Wendy Rose, paradirector of Weight Watchers for Michigan, offered some tips on how to take weight off sensibly and how to keep off the weight, once you reach your goal.

The most sensible diet, Rose said, is a well-balanced, nutritional program that you can work into your daily routine and live with.

Before beginning any type of weight loss program, an important step to take is to make a real commitment to yourself that you are going to work hard at reaching your goal. Then stick with that goal, Rose explained.

Prior to beginning the weight-loss program, always consult with your physician, Rose said.

As you are dieting . . .

Rose said that there are four areas to consider in a weight loss program:

- The amount and type of food you eat.
- Behavior modification.
- Exercise.
- Group support.

When considering the amount and type of food that you eat, remember that you must stick to the four basic food groups, fruits, vegetables, dairy products and wheat and cereals. Fat and protein should also be included in your daily diet.

Portion control is an important factor in monitoring how much you eat. It is always a good idea to weigh your food. Four ounces of meat may not look like much when you first start a diet, but your body eventually gets used to the amount of food it should ideally have.

Many people do not realize how many extra calories that they consume out of boredom, or when they are nervous. By modifying your own behavior you can catch yourself before falling prey to eating an entire bag of potato chips while talking on the phone or by unconsciously eating 2,000 calories

worth of hors d'oeuvres at a cocktail party. Rose suggests that people take an extra few minutes to think through a temptation before delving in and satisfying their urges. For example, if you are at a party and are faced with salivating over a decorated dessert tray, wait five minutes before running over and grabbing a fistful of sweets. If you still feel the need to eat something, go over to the vegetable tray, instead.

Rose added that desserts can be eaten when you diet, as long as you "save up" your calories ahead of time. If you know you will be going to a barbecue on Saturday and Mrs. Baker will be bringing her famous Mississippi Mud Pie, cut down on calories the few days preceding the barbecue.

Said Rose, "It's like money in the bank. You must budget how you want to spend the extra calories."

Rose said that adding exercise to your lifestyle will also contribute to sensible weight loss. You don't have to jog 10 miles every day to get into shape, nor do you have to invest in expensive weight-training equipment. Even a half

hour of brisk walking a few days a week can make a difference.

Rose believes that the key factor in a person being successful in losing weight is having group support. The encouragement of family and friends is often incentive for the dieters to continue their diet. Rose said that she has found that the best support that dieters can get is from fellow dieters. They can share experiences with each other and it helps them to know that other people have gone through what they themselves are going through.

Dieters also have to remember that they will, at one point, reach a plateau phase, where they will suddenly stop losing weight for a few weeks. This is a normal phase, and exactly when this will happen to each dieter will vary from person to person. It is a period that the body needs to adjust to the steady loss of weight. This is the crucial period when dieters need extra support from people, because they can get discouraged and fall back into their old eating patterns, Rose said.

Following the advice that Rose suggests can not only help you lose weight, but will also allow you to develop healthier eating habits that will last you a lifetime.

Losing weight? There's a reason

By JOAN MARY DYER
Belleville City Editor

Unless the reasons behind weight gain are addressed, the chances for successful weight loss are slim, according to a Farmington Hills psychotherapist.

When clients seek help to lose weight, Gene Hadwiger asks them to look into the reasons that they became fat and also to look into why they want to lose weight. Understanding the reasons behind those two "whys" can be a major step in resolving weight problems.

Stress, he said, seems to produce two opposite effects - some people overeat when they are under stress while others feel they are unable to eat.

Weight at times is used as an "insulation," according to Gene Hadwiger. It can be a method to keep people at a distance.

When the husband of an overweight client tells him that his wife's extra weight is a "turn-off" to him, Hadwiger questions whether the weight gain may have been - consciously or otherwise - directed at keeping the spouse away from intimate relations.

On some occasions, grossly overweight women have revealed that they were former victims of sexual abuse. The excess weight became their defense against sexual advances, the therapist said.

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And if all else fails

Some people will go to just about any length to be thinner, even if it means having their stomachs stapled or their jaws wired shut.

There are alternatives to conventional dieting, although certain alternatives may not be medically safe for everyone, according to Weight Loss Specialist Julie Lawrence of Westland.

Lawrence said that many people turn to other methods of losing weight when they reach a point where they realize that they can not be successful by cutting calories and exercising more. Some of these alternatives can be rather drastic.

Take, for instance the method of people having their jaws wired shut so

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Le Poisson

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Le Lait

anniversaries

Talaga — 50th

Sylvester and Viola Talaga of Cogswell Road, Romulus, were pleasantly surprised when they attended a dinner at the Leather Bottle May 1. A surprise anniversary party had been planned in their honor by their children and grandchildren.

The two were married in Bay City on May 1, 1937. They moved to Wayne in 1940 and raised four boys, Jerry of Plymouth, Charles and Kenneth of Romulus and James of Belleville.

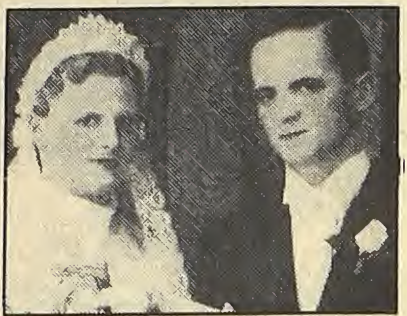
Their only daughter, Shirley Schmittling, died in 1982.

They have six grandchildren.

Sylvester is retired from Smith and Young Construction Company. Viola is retired from Brownies Diner, where she worked as a cook for 20 years.



Sylvester and Viola Talaga



new arrivals

Gamsjagers have a girl

Clay and Marianna Gamsjager of Marlowe Road, Belleville, are the parents of a new daughter, Nicole Marie, born April 27 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor.

The infant made her debut weighing in at 6 pounds, 12 ounces and measuring 19 1/2 inches.

She is the new granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Adams of St. Helen and Mrs. Ralph Gamsjager of Belleville.

Luchis have a new son

Edward and Patricia Luchi of Melody Lane, Belleville, are the parents of a new baby boy, William Patrick, born April 19 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor.

The infant made his debut weighing in at 9 pounds, 4 ounces.

He is the new brother of Matthew, 3, and Daniel, 21 months; and the new grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Luchi of Pennsylvania and James Brooks of Tennessee.

Ryan is number 3

Ryan Charles Harsch was born the third child of Scott and Leneer Harsch of Hoelt, Belleville, at 5:21 a.m. April 30 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor.

The infant made his debut weighing in at 8 pounds, 7 ounces and measuring 21 inches.

He is the new brother of Bridgett Nicole, 4, and Kristin Leah, 2; the new grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harsch of Belleville and Mr. and Mrs. Ira Filler of Milan; and the new great-grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harsch of Indiana and Edith Marshall of Concord.

Anthony is a first

Anthony Scott Housley was born the first child of Roger and Candice Housley of Livonia at 3:08 p.m. May 4 at Providence New Life Center, Southfield.

The infant made his debut weighing in at 9 pounds and measuring 22 inches.

He is the new grandson of George Housley of Westland, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Masciarelli of Westland and Marjorie Housley of Wayne; and the new great-grandson of Florence Housley of Ypsilanti.

Anthony was born on his mother's birthday.

soon to wed

Wallace — Newsome

Mr. and Mrs. William Wallace of Columbia, Westland, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Theresa Marie, to Jeffery Dwayne Newsome of Brandt, Romulus. He is the son of Shairl Newsome of Kentucky and Barbara Hamilton of Romulus.

The bride-elect is a 1986 graduate of Wayne Memorial High School. She works at Movies 'R' Us in Westland.

The groom-to-be is a 1986 graduate of Romulus Senior High School. He is enlisted with the U.S. Marine Corps.

The two are planning a June 20 wedding at the Calvary Baptist Church of Wayne.



Theresa Wallace — Jeffery Newsome

Hendrix — Coleman

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson C. Hendrix of Walnut Street, Inkster, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Cathy Renay, to Ronald Coleman Jr., of Detroit.

The bride-to-be is a 1984 honor graduate of Inkster High School and a second-year student in college. She has been employed as a receptionist for Hydra-Matic for four years and is a member of Gethsemane Baptist Church.

The groom-elect is a 1982 graduate of Detroit Northwestern High School. He is serving his fifth year in the U.S. Army and is planning a military career.



Cathy Hendrix — Ronald Coleman Jr.

Psychology

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Hadwiger has observed women who become frightened at the attention they receive after losing a lot of weight. So much so, that they may sabotage their own weight loss program, he said.

Weight gain can also be a "convenient excuse" for not succeeding in work or social situations, Hadwiger said. "Overweight persons can use their weight to explain why they aren't popular or why they didn't get a promotion.

"For example, a woman might say, 'I would have had an invitation to the party if I hadn't gained weight' or 'I wasn't hired because I'm too fat.' It makes a convenient excuse and the person does not have to deal with what may be the real reasons behind their lack of success," the therapist said.

Hadwiger noted that there are some obvious reasons why grossly overweight people may have problems in obtaining a job. With the current focus on wellness and physical fitness, he said, overweight people are perceived as less healthy and less energetic. This may not be true in all cases, but statistics reveal that overweight people do have more health problems, Hadwiger said.

The therapist said that after the individuals are aware of why they are overweight and take an in-depth look at why they want to lose weight, they can begin one of many nutritionally-sound diet programs. Their chances for success at that time are not quite as lean.

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just desserts

sue willett

What happened to spring? Did I miss it? All of a sudden, summer temperatures sent me scrambling to the kitchen for barbecue recipes, not to mention to the closet to find lighter weight clothes. Summer just seemed to sneak up on me, and with it the need for some great desserts that will tempt the summer appetites which usually are less than easy to please.

Summer desserts can be so easy. Let's face it, how much culinary imagination does strawberry shortcake take? Or just whole, cleaned strawberries, rolled in confectioners' sugar and served in a pyramid on a silver tray. But, chocolate that I am, nothing tops strawberries dipped in chocolate and refrigerated for a few hours. None of which is very difficult or challenging.

But, until the strawberries get here, a suitable dessert for a barbecue is sometimes a quandary. Take heart, there are more than a few goodies designed with just this type of spicy meal in mind, and the usual hot weather that accompanies outdoor cooking. I've tried all of these, and really do vouch for them.

TEXAS BEER CAKE

There's nothing better after a barbecue dinner than this, especially if the barbecue sauce is a little on the spicy side.

- 10 inch tube pan, buttered
- 2 cups dark brown sugar, packed firmly
- 1 cup vegetable shortening
- 3 eggs, beaten
- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 2 teaspoons ground cloves
- 2 teaspoons allspice
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 2 cups beer
- 1 cup chopped pecans
- 1/2 cup raisins
- 1/2 cup pitted and chopped dates

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Cream brown sugar with the shortening, add the eggs and mix well.

Sift 2 1/2 cups of the flour with the dry ingredients and spices. Add the flour mixture to the sugar mixture alternately with the beer, beating well after each addition.

Sprinkle the 1/2 cup reserved flour over the nuts, raisins, and dates and fold into the batter. Spoon into the prepared pan and bake for one hour until the sides of the cake leave the pan. Cool in the pan, invert over a serving plant and remove. This should make about 16 servings, but half of them are sure to be seconds!

MY MOTHER'S HONEY CAKE

- There truly is no better!*
- 9 X 13 X 2 pan, lightly buttered and floured
 - 4 tablespoons butter (real butter, please)
 - 1/2 cup sugar
 - 3/4 cup honey
 - 4 eggs
 - 2 cups cake flour, sifted (if you use all-purpose flour, deduct 2 tablespoons)
 - 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
 - 1/4 teaspoon baking soda
 - 1/4 teaspoon salt
 - 1 1/2 tablespoons instant powdered coffee (not freeze-dried)
 - 2 tablespoons orange juice
 - 1 1/2 tablespoons orange zest
 - 1 cup walnuts, or pecans, chopped

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Combine the butter and sugar and beat until light and fluffy. Add the honey and blend well. Beat eggs and add to the batter. Combine the dry ingredients and sift twice, adding to the batter, blending well. Lastly, add the orange juice and zest. Sprinkle the nuts evenly over the prepared pan and then spoon the batter over the nuts. Bake at 30-35 minutes. Cut into squares when cool and serve.

Back to the basics

Local 'chef' shares her secrets

By BOB DENYS
ANP Staff Writer

Barb Snow has a kitchen built for efficiency. Her Elm Street home contains stark white kitchen walls, ceiling, cupboards and counters along with her stove and refrigerator. Her culinary domain might be the prototype for some futuristic home. Can cooking really go on in this spotlessly sterile room?

Look closer. Stocked shelves, plenty of clean counter space and several nearby recipe books are the secrets of Snow's success in the kitchen.

"I've always been interested in cooking. I learned a lot from my mother and grandmother. Grandma taught me how to use yeast in baking. And when I was in seventh grade, I studied home economics and enjoyed it.

"I'm no gourmet and I don't like foods cooked in wine," she said.

Snow dishes out food for family as well as friends. Her sons Philip, 11, Matthew, 10, and daughter Julie, 6, "eat everything," their mother proudly noted. She said Jim, her husband of 14 years, is also a big fan.

"I make perogies as well as anyone in his family. Of course, it's his family recipe," she said of her Ukrainian husband.

Snow's parents were of German descent. She grew up next to her grandparents' Ford Road farm in what is now Canton. In fact, I-275 marks the site of her family home and Bob Evans Restaurant sits where her grandparents had their home. "Now that's down on the farm," she joked.

"I make things that are easy. I don't spend a lot of time in the kitchen. A lot of things are made ahead of time so I don't have to be out here and can enjoy company," she said.

Her family sits down around the large dining room table once a day for their main meal. "As the kids get older and more active, time is not as plentiful as it once was. Jim has coached the boys in baseball for the past six years. Two kids play piano and one plays flute. Today is ballet night. It gets harder and harder to eat together," she explained.

To combat that problem, she said her kids are experts at using the microwave. The Snow family frequently barbecues in the summer. And with the summer season approaching, Snow visits the Plymouth Roadside stand weekly for fresh vegetables. "Whatever is in season," she said.

She buys all the family meat at a butcher shop, often on sale. She prepares a lot of food be-

forehand, including cookies. "We always have cookies," she stressed.

The family moved into their home about 12 years ago. Since then, Jim remodeled the kitchen, knocking out a wall and adding more counter space. He also designed the leaded glass cupboard doors.

Snow recommends putting all recipe ingredients out on the counter, "So you don't get your dirty hands everywhere," she said.

"My daughter likes to help in the kitchen but it's easier without it. I encourage her. We eat mostly meat, salads, vegetables and always a dessert, that's the German," she said.

Here are some tried and true favorites from the original Snow recipe book.

CHICKEN WELLINGTON

- 2 cups mozzarella cheese, shredded
 - 1 tablespoon parsley flakes
 - 1/2 teaspoon lemon pepper
 - 1/2 cup soft margarine
 - 1/2 teaspoon garlic salt
- Sprinkle 1 package Good Seasons Italian Dressing Mix over 6 boneless chicken breasts; brown in 3 tablespoons margarine; simmer in water and chicken broth for 20 minutes. Cool.

Make small slit in each breast and put in equal amount of cheese mixture. Take two tubes of crescent roll dough and divide in four rectangles (each tube). Fold dough around each breast making bundle (smooth creases). Place seam side down on ungreased baking sheet. Bake at 375 degrees for 30 minutes. (May refrigerate and bake later.) Serve with gravy made from juice chicken simmered in.

BEEF WITH SOUR CREAM

- 1 pound round steak
 - 2 tablespoons oil
 - 1/2 teaspoon thyme
 - 1/2 cup sour cream
 - 1/4 cup flour with salt, pepper, garlic powder added
 - 3/4 cup chopped onion
 - 4 ounces mushrooms and liquid
 - 1 cup beef broth
 - 10 ounce frozen peas
- Remove bone and fat from meat; cut in narrow strips; dredge in flour mixture. In skillet, brown meat in hot oil. Add onions, broth, thyme and liquid from mushrooms. Cover and simmer 45 minutes or until meat is tender. Add mushrooms and peas; cover and cook 7-10 minutes. Stir in sour cream. Heat, do not boil. Serve over rice.

SHRIMP CREOLE

- 1/2 cup butter
 - Dash paprika
 - 1 can tomato soup
 - 1/4 cup flour
 - 1/2 teaspoon curry powder
 - 1/2 teaspoon salt
 - 1 1/2 cups milk
- Cook above ingredients in double boiler like a white sauce. Then add 1 can of mushrooms and 1 1/2 cup shrimp. Heat. Serve over rice.

PEACHES AND CREAM CHEESECAKE

- Grease bottom and sides of deep dish or 10-inch pie pan.
- 3/4 cup flour
 - small box vanilla pudding (not instant)
 - 1 egg
 - 1 teaspoon baking powder
 - 3 tablespoons butter
 - 1/2 teaspoon salt
- Combine in bowl and beat 2 minutes at medium speed. Pour into prepared pan. Take 15-20 ounces sliced peaches, drained well and reserve juice. Place peaches over batter.
- 8-ounce softened cream cheese
 - 1/2 cup sugar
 - 5 tablespoons reserved juice
- Combine in bowl and beat at medium speed for 2 minutes. Spoon over peaches to within 1/2 inch of batter. Take 1 tablespoon sugar and 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon. Combine and sprinkle over mixture. Bake 40-50 minutes at 350 degrees. Filling will be soft. Refrigerate.



Barb Snow

Presenting a health plan so good, some people will have to wait 65 years just to join it.



Dieting

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that they can be absolutely sure no food will get through their lips. Dr. James S. Tsoucaris, whose dental practice is in Garden City said that this is a practice that he does not recommend because it can be dangerous.

"It's something you hear about, but it is not as prevalent as people might think, because of the medical risks."

One of the major risks involved is the possibility of the person choking on their own regurgitation should they become ill. While there is no entry for food, there is no oral exit for stomach matter either.

Tsoucaris added that, while there is evidence of success in losing weight, the success is only temporary. The person runs a high risk of eventually going back to the old eating habits.

One technique that is becoming more widely known is gastric stapling. Dr. Roy W. Matthews, of the Palmer Medical Clinic in Westland said he has had much success with this practice.

Matthews said that the proper medical term is gastroplas-

ty, and that it involves actually stapling off a section of the stomach, therefore restricting the amount of food a person can eat. This makes the person feel satisfied with a much smaller amount of food.

Matthews also said that people wanting to have gastric stapling performed must first meet the criteria of being at least 100 pounds over the ideal weight for their height and age.

Perhaps the safest alternative to dieting is through the power of hypnosis, according to Dr. Lois Munkachy, a hypnotist who said that she has seen a great deal of success in using the technique to help people lose weight.

Munkachy said that she has a success rate of 80-85 percent and she attributes this success to the fact that hypnosis is a way of changing the entire lifestyle from the inside out.

"Hypnosis puts you in control and makes you your own master," she said.

Since people have changed their lifestyle through hypnosis, said Munkachy, they keep the weight off.

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County board OKs \$60 million loan

Wayne County Board of Commissioners members approved the borrowing of \$60 million through tax anticipation notes during their meeting last Thursday.

According to the county Office of Management and Budget, the county needs the \$60 million to meet payroll and pay vendors through the remainder of the fiscal year, ending Nov. 30. The state treasurer has approved the county participation in the Michigan Municipal Bond Authority Pooled Note

Program to borrow the funding.

Under the program, a state bond pool sells tax anticipation notes for the county on the financial market to private lending institutions. The county will borrow the money using unpaid taxes as collateral and will repay the funds with the monies collected from taxes later.

County officials have until April 1, 1988, to repay the money borrowed from the state.

Wayne County officials last November borrowed \$30 million during similar financial troubles.

Local students honored

Three local students have been named recipients of a new federal college scholarship award—the Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship—from the state Board of Education.

Michael J. Bloomfield, a student at John Glenn High School, Westland; Karin Oliver, of Belleville High School, Belleville;

and Gregory Schaaf, of Romulus, were among the 190 students in the state to receive the award.

The Byrd Honors Scholarship provides a \$1,500 one-time, merit college scholarship to high school graduates who have demonstrated academic excellence and achievement.



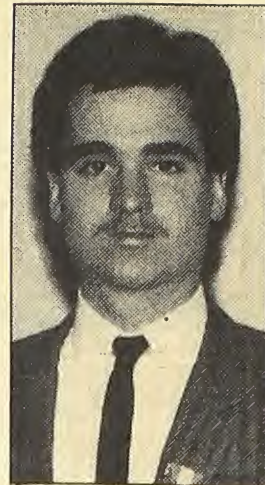
Michael Blanks



Robert Gunberg



Suzanne Pletzer



Timothy Gross



Tracey Barker



William Armstrong

Congressman's Medals are awarded to students

Seven local students were among the 16 individuals and two groups honored with the Congressman's Medal of Merit for the 15th Congressional District.

The youths were honored May 3 during an awards ceremony in which Congressman William D. Ford was present.

"At a time when our nation cries out for young leaders and selfless citizens, I can think of nothing more fitting than to honor young people who have already learned to give of themselves for the good of others," Ford said. "It's an honor for me to

be in the position to recognize their achievements and to wish them future success."

Ford also had high praise for the citizen's committee — which chose the award winners — and chairman Donna Hall of Van Buren Township.

Local medal winners included: Robert Gunberg, 21, of Canton Township, honored for his leadership and involvement in Scouting.

Suzanne Pletzer, 18, of Canton Township, honored for years of assistance to a neighborhood family.

Tracey Barker, 15, of Romulus, honored for her long involvement with residents confined to

area convalescent and nursing homes.

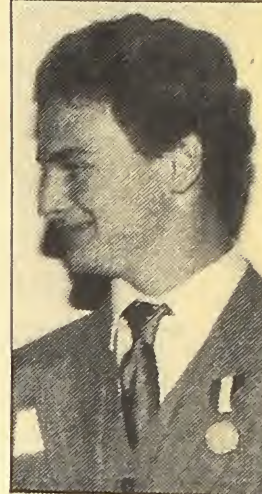
Timothy Michael Gross, 19, of Romulus, honored for involvement in helping to apprehend a criminal while in his classroom at Central Michigan University.

William Armstrong, 18, of Van Buren Township, honored for his leadership and involvement in student activities while attending Belleville High School.

Darius Varner, 17, of Van Buren Township, honored for his courage and strength and his compassion for others even after undergoing cancer surgery.

Michael A. Blanks, 18, of Westland, honored for his involvement and leadership in school and community projects.

Each winner received a golden medal to recognize their achievements.



Darius Varner

Parking lot sale set at Belleville church

Church sponsors outdoor sale

First United Methodist Church of Belleville will conduct a parking lot sale from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, May 29 and from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, May 30. The church is located at 417 Charles Street.

Boy Scout troop to conduct car wash

St. Anthony's Boy Scout Troop 793 will conduct a car wash from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 6, in the parking lot of Bloomfield Savings Bank, 186 Main Street in downtown Belleville.

Vacation bible school scheduled

Middlebelt Baptist Church, 943 Middlebelt Road, Inkster announces openings for Vacation Bible school for the week of June 20-28. For information call 728-3838 or 697-9294.

Annual women's day celebrated

The women of Gethsemane Baptist Church will celebrate Woman's Day from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, May 24. The church is located at 29066 Eton Road, Westland, south of Michigan Avenue and between Middlebelt and Inkster roads. Sr. Roena Granthon will be the guest speaker. For information call 721-2557.

Parishioners host Progressive dinner

The annual St. Michael Good-

church calendar

times Gang Progressive Dinner will be served beginning at 6 p.m. on Saturday, May 30th. This year the group intend to visit several homes including some in Canton, Redford, Westland and Belleville. For information call 728-1950 or 721-0870.

Mother/child picnic set

St. Michael Ladies Parish Service Guild will prepare a picnic lunch for their children at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 19. Hotdogs and hamburgers will be served and games will be played. For information call 728-1950 or 721-0870.

Youth group's trip to Boblo slated

The youth group from United Methodist Church, at the corner of Olive and Bibbins streets in Romulus will visit the Boblo Island Amusement Park on Saturday, May 30. For information and registration call 729-0630 or 837-5273.

Graduation breakfast honors school seniors

United Methodist Church of Wayne will honor high school senior graduates at 8 a.m. May 31 with a special breakfast. The graduates will also participate

in the 10:30 a.m. Sunday service. The church is located at 2 Towne Square, Wayne. For more information, call 721-4801.

Church of Wayne will conduct a salad luncheon at 12:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to bring a dish to pass. The program is "The World Is At Our Doorstep," by Ola Sutcliffe. For information call 961-8340.

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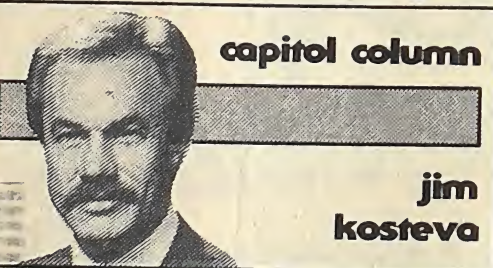
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capitol column

jim kosteva

In most television melodramas the police or private detective always catch the crook by the end of the show. Real-world crime fighting is not usually that simple. In fact, frequently police lack even a description of a given suspect. They may have nothing more than fingerprints to go on. And while police work has not yet reached the wizardry of James Bond, advances in information systems promise to make cooperation and coordination among police agencies more valuable and successful than ever before. One such advance is AFIS - Automated Fingerprint Identification System. The system provides a computerized registry of fingerprints of known felons. The technology introduced in AFIS will be an aid to law enforcement efforts across the state. But in order for citizens throughout the state to share the benefits of this law enforcement tool, state wide coordination is necessary.

A bill which recently passed in the state House, HB 4378, would provide the needed coordination. The bill would create the AFIS Policy Council within the Department of State Police to establish rules regarding the installation and use of the AFIS network.

The council would design a system, including data base, network configuration and system selection criteria to expand the existing system to provide information on repeat offenders to law enforcement agencies across the state. The council would determine AFIS unit distribution and set standards for AFIS installation sites and could remove AFIS equipment if an agency failed to comply with established rules.

The council would be comprised of the attorney general, the secretary of state, the directors of the Departments of State Police and Corrections, the state court administrator, representatives of various police departments and associations.

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THREE WESTLAND RESIDENTS were honored for their volunteer work at the University of Michigan Hospitals. **Michael Carnacchi**, **Jan Quill**, and **Sherry Shuman** were honored by hospital staff during volunteer recognition week, last month.

INKSTER INSURANCE AGENT Robert C. Pearson agency has become a member of the Independent Insurance Agents of Michigan.

THE FORD MOTOR company has made several recent changes. **Leroy A. Azzarello** has decided to retire after 30 years. Azzarello was the manager of the Chicago Stamping Plant. He will be succeeded by **Ronald G. Wallace**, a previous manager of the New Jersey Assembly Plant. **Philip I. Staley** will replace Wallace at the assembly plant in New Jersey. Staley has been a manager at the Kansas City Assembly Plant since July of 1985. **Donald R. Baker** has been named the new manager of the Kansas City Assembly Plant. Baker has worked as a quality control engineer at the Louisville Assembly Plant since 1983.

THREE CANTON WOMEN were recently honored for their volunteer work. **Dorothy Park**, **Doris Ewald**, and **Mary Tyson** received recognition for their volunteer work at the Catherine McAuley Health Center.

STLAND CONVALESCENT CENTER has named **Peggy Tannehill** employee of the month. Tannehill has been described by her superiors as conscientious, dependable, and easy to get along with.

AUDREY M. SIDICK has joined the Berline Group as an Assistant Account Executive.

DR. RALPH M. GIGNAC celebrated the 50th anniversary of his graduation from medical school recently. He was honored by the Michigan State Medical Society for his contributions during his career.

NORTHWESTERN GUIDANCE CLINIC welcomed three new members to the staff. **Pat Devita-Vessais** now group practice manager. **Nora L. Holt** is supervisor of the outpatient clinic and **Carla K. Daly** is director of resource development.

MICHIGAN CANCER FOUNDATION HONORED three of the many volunteers at the MCF, **Cindy Merrifield**, **Betty Monske**, and **Tim Eis**, received recognition for their volunteer work.

TRACKING YOUR ANCESTRY in the state of Michigan has become easier since Romulus native, **Carol McGinnis** wrote 'Michigan Genealogy: Sources and Resources.' This book is designed to assist people in researching their heritage.

CANTON BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL-WOMEN'S new officers installed at the May 11 meeting are: **Kay Baldrica**, president; **Patti Clapper**, first vice president; **Laurie Uhl**, second vice president; **Terry Ponkey**, recording secretary; **Barbara Meyers**, recording secretary, and **Debbie Ammons**, treasurer.

PRIVATE INDUSTRY CORPORATION has appointed **Roger N. Ingram** as interim executive director. Ingram will remain in the interim position pending a national search for a new permanent director.

THE DEARBORN BANK AND TRUST company has appointed **John E. Demmer** chairman of the board of directors.

Merchant gives gift of vision

Technology in the 1980s keeps advancing, and just when you thought you've heard everything, someone comes out with a talking clock.

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"People who are blind can use this clock and receive the exact time of day. All they have to do is press this button," said **Richard Immerfall**, owner of Wayne Sew and Vac on Wayne Road.

The small, cubicle, futuristic-looking clock is the latest novelty in the Midwest market. Immerfall attended a housewares show in Chicago recently and thought the clock was a good idea.

"Over the years, many people have asked about such a clock, and we've never been really able to satisfy them. Some Westminster clocks chime every half hour, some every 15 minutes. This clock is perfect," he said.

Immerfall started a vacuum and sewing maching business 15 years ago in the Wayne location. He added clocks to his business forte 10 years ago. Last Christmas, he displayed more than 225 clocks inside his store.

"I kept looking at the bare walls in here and said something should be up there to make the store more attractive and be productive. Clocks were the perfect

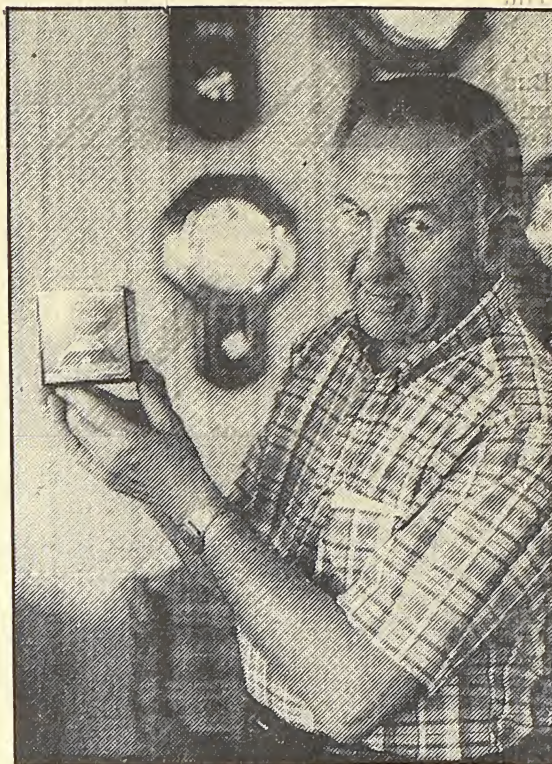
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answer," he said. The talking clock for the blind is manufactured by Citizen and is called the "Crystal Talk." After the button is depressed, the clock will "light up with a mystical glow," which gradually fades after a few seconds. The lightweight, plastic clock also offers a digital time readout on the bottom of the cube which measures about four inches-by-four inches. In addition, the clock includes an alarm, a snooze, a chime and stopwatch.

"All this for \$89," Immerfall boasted. "And if the person brings in a certificate stating he is legally blind, we will reduce that price to \$59. We just want to help people who are blind. If I could, I would like to give them away."

"Some people will buy this clock because it's a conversation piece and might look nice on their desk. The point I want to get across is for people that are blind, any kind of sound is pleasant," he explained.

Immerfall noted that a school for the blind operates in Wayne, and that members of the local Lion's Club are always



Richard Immerfall

active in assisting the needs of blind people.

"One woman brought in a clock for a pair owned by an elderly neighbor who can't see. She said she looked all over and stumbled in here before she found what she was looking for. I told her, 'you should have stopped here first,'" Immerfall explained.

Brown promoted at Associated

Chris Brown has been promoted to the position of assistant classified advertising manager for the six Associated Newspapers in Wayne.

Brown, 20, will be responsible for assisting in the daily operation of the classified department, including assisting customers in placing ads, section production, personnel management and billing.

A two-year employee of Associated, Brown is a 1984 graduate of Wayne Memorial High School. She has attended Henry Ford Community College.

In making the announcement of Brown's new position, President and Publisher David J.

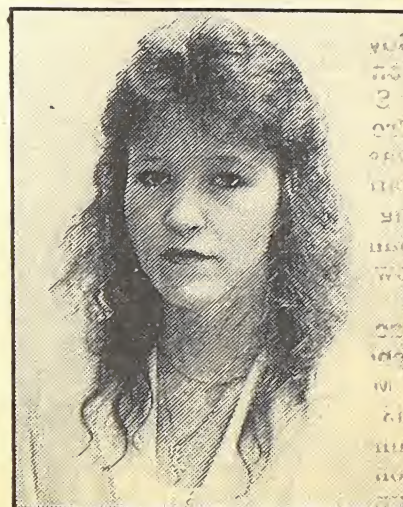
Willett called the classified employee "an exemplary worker who has become an important part of the Associated team. I look forward to see what great things Brown will do with her new position."

A Wayne resident, Brown is engaged to be married. She said she was eager to "do the best job I can in helping people" in her new position.

The Associated Newspapers publishes six western Wayne County weekly newspapers, in-

cluding The Wayne Eagle, The Westland Eagle, The Canton Eagle, The Inkster Ledger-Star, The Belleville Enterprise and The Romulus Roman.

Last year the group was determined to be the best weekly newspaper in the state by the University of Michigan Press Club. The newspapers also garnered impressive honors by winning the Michigan Press Association first-place award in editorial writing and editorial page design for 1986.



Chris Brown

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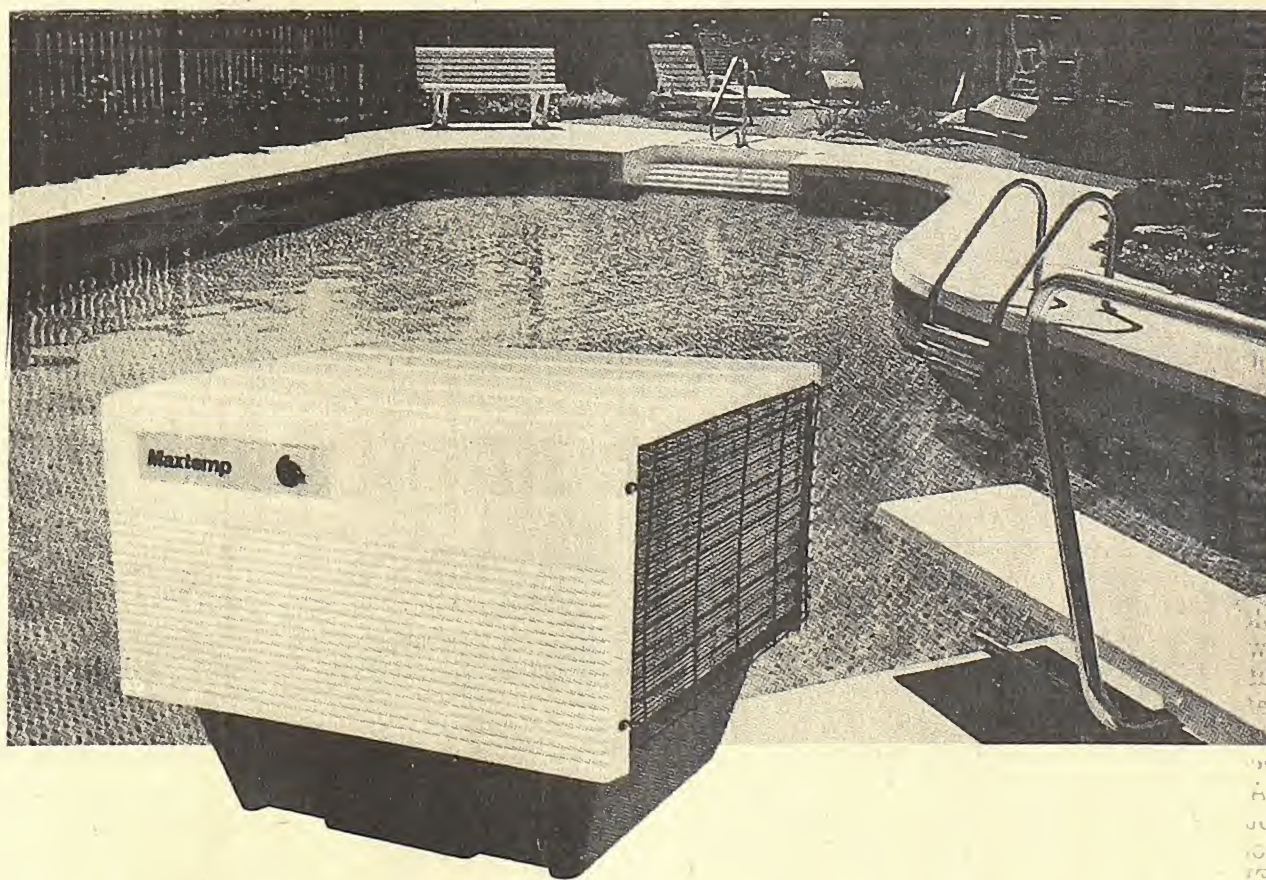
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Exodus to area continues

By RAY DAY
 ANP Managing Editor

The local housing market remains on a teeter-totter of uncertainty amid climbing interest rates, according to some local realtors, but it is a teeter-totter that keeps those same agents optimistic that the market will swing back to a scene similar to that of the past three months.

Martha Farmer, a sales associate with Earl Keim Realty of Westland, isn't putting a hold on her order for extra "sold" stickers just yet, even though a 2-point-higher interest rate has caused a leveling of the record home sales of the first quarter of 1987. According to Farmer, the buying trend slowed slightly during the first weeks of May but has, nonetheless, kept the local housing scene in a "seller's market" position.

Top mortgage rates in the metro area last week, Farmer said, were about 10.75 percent for a 30-year, fixed mortgage. That rate compares to a low March rate of 8.75 percent for 30-year mortgages. And, as expected, the surging interest rate has brought what was earlier in the year a booming market down a few pegs.

But interest rates aren't everything, Farmer explained. An exodus to the western Wayne County area was seen in the latter part of 1986, Farmer said, and continued into early 1987. Spring and summer - the hottest selling period in the realty business - are expected to remain good seasons in the area, despite escalating interest rates, Farmer said.

Currently, more people want homes in the area than there are homes available. This fact of the housing business, Farmer explained, means that the homeowner who goes to sell his house can usually get the price he is asking. In addition, that asking price can be slightly higher than it would have been just three years ago, Farmer continued.

"Spring and summer are always big, usually because of school getting out and people transferring. I think a lot of it too is the first-time buyers," Farmer explained. "This area is very popular for the couple who is just starting out."

Newlyweds and other first-time home buyers represent 40 percent of all home sales in the Westland office, Farmer reported. The area is perfect for the family just start-

ing out who demand the typical three-bedroom, ranch-style houses with basement, garage, good neighborhoods and school system that flourish in the area. In addition, western Wayne County features another attraction for first-time buyers, Farmer said - the price tag.

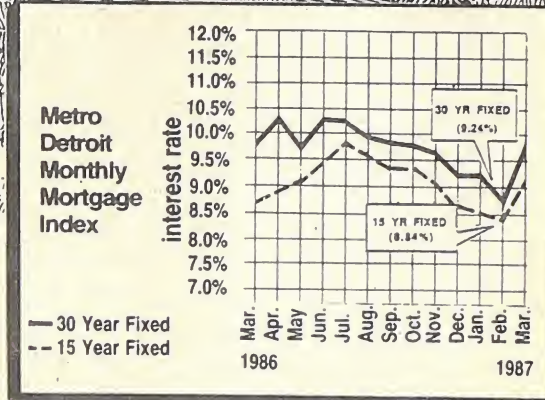
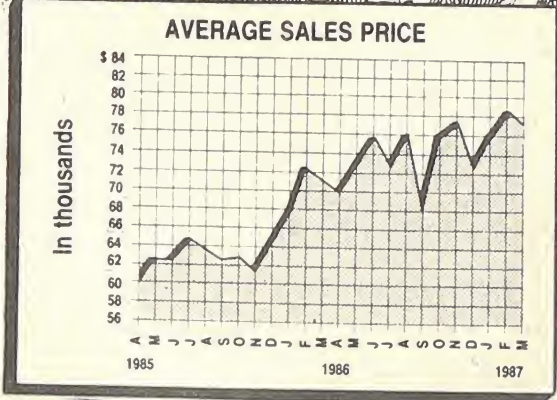
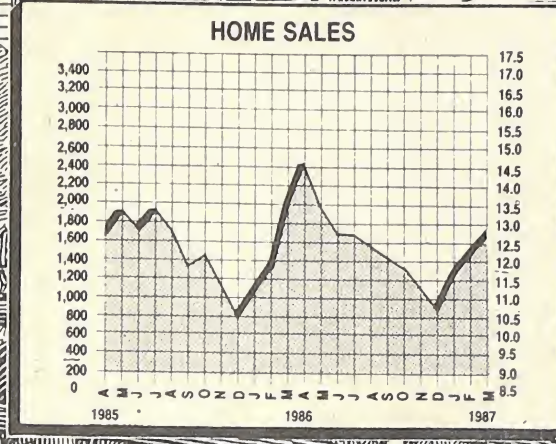
Average prices for local homes are as low as \$33,000 in the Inkster area, \$42,000 in Belleville and Romulus, \$48,500 in Wayne and \$53,000 in Westland. Average home price in Canton Township is \$92,000.

The figures paint a brighter picture for the current selling year, Farmer said, compared to last year when the average home was sold for \$31,000 in Inkster, \$42,000 in Belleville and Romulus, \$41,000 in Wayne, \$48,000 in Westland and \$86,000 in Canton Township.

And who can buy a house these days? Not just anyone, according to Farmer.

Ten percent down is now the rule in most real estate deals, Farmer said. Add closing costs - which for a \$50,000 home are about \$3,500 - and the potential homebuyer's piggy bank can go dry very quickly.

"See a real estate agent, find out what you can afford," Farmer suggested. "We usually can find something."



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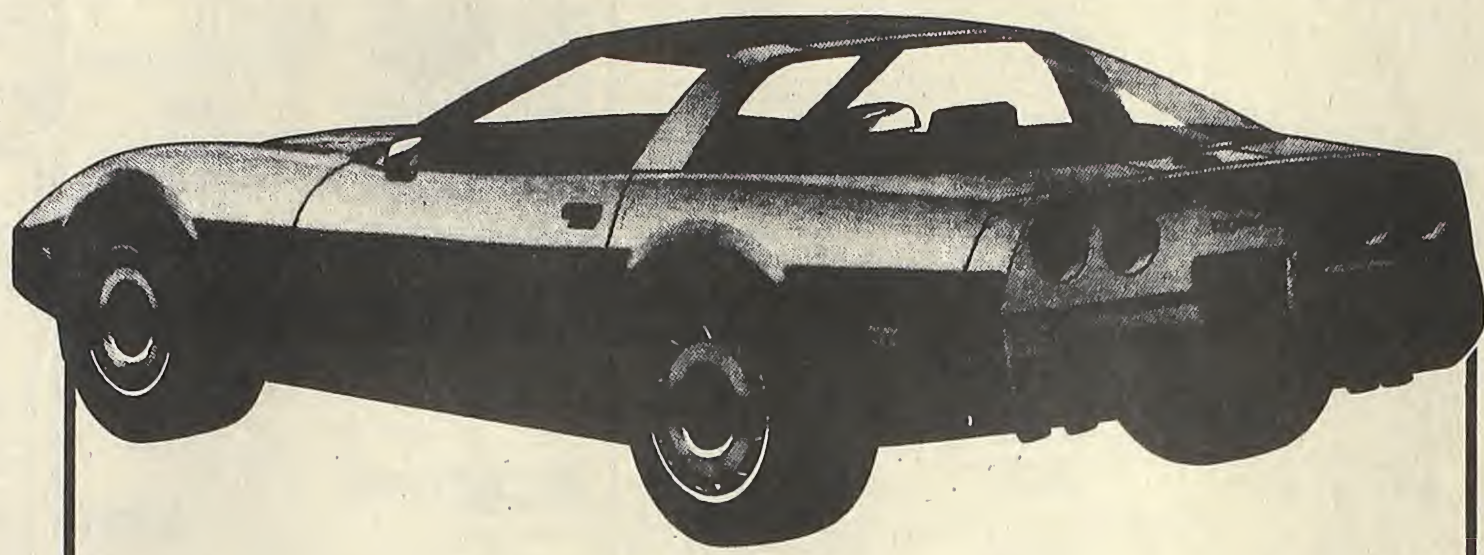
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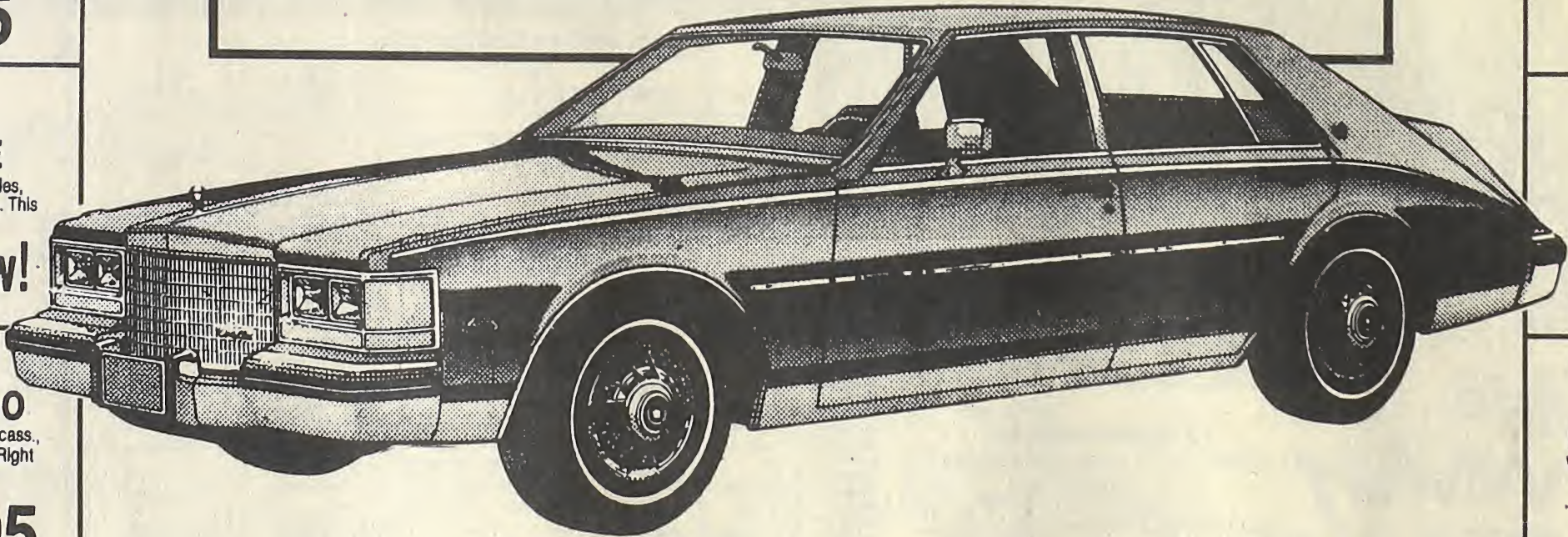
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